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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel to S.M.K. Sella, Ambassador in the Multilateral Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), stressing the need for a definitive answer on Tanzania's support for the draft resolution on Burma. Sella explained that Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Head of the Multilateral Cooperation Department, would decide Tanzania's position but had left for New York today (December 18). He recommended that the U.S. Permanent Representative contact Mulamula as soon as possible when she arrives in New York on December 19.

¶2. (SBU) Post made multiple attempts to contact Mulamula from December 13-15 but she had traveled to a conference in Nairobi, Kenya and was unreachable. According to the United Nations news service on December 15, President Kikwete has nominated Mulamula to the new post of Executive Secretary of the Great Lakes Commission on Security, Stability, and Development, a position she will likely assume after Tanzania rotates out of the UNSC.
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